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Great Expectations--

—Just look behind any worth-while achievement in whatever field you will and you will find its author was a man of great expectations.

—You will find also, if you look closely, that his expectations served only as guides to effort and perseverance.

—There is no better team-mate for great expectations than a growing bank account. Have you one?

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COUNTY DIRECTOR REPORTS ON GAMES

Below I give a report of the basketball games, both official and unofficial, reported to me, to date:

Chico—played nine, won eight, lost one; Bridgeport—played six, won four, lost two; Alvord—played two, won none, lost two; Decatur—played one, won none, lost one; Boyd—played three, won one, lost two; Paradise—played one, won none, lost one; Park Springs—played one, won none, lost one; Rhome—played four, won two, lost two.

All interested in the county meet should remember that the date for determining the county champion has been set for January 27th. The winners of first and second places in each district should report to the director of athletics as soon as possible.

There will be a separate division for the rural schools as far as this county is concerned. So if you have a team in your small school, have them on hand January 27th. They

will be matched against teams from schools of similar rank.
S. D. HANDLY, Director Athletics.

WILL FINISH LOCAL BULL ASSOCIATION

County Agent W. M. Love announces that next week J. Lynn Thomas, dairy expert of the A. & M. College, will return to Wise county to assist in putting the finishing touches on the bull association now undergoing organization. There is every promise that this undertaking will be successfully prosecuted, although the matter has been resting a few days pending Mr. Thomas' return to the county. The schedule of conferences to be held has not yet fully been made up, but it has been definitely decided that a meeting will be held Tuesday, January 23rd, at New South, and on Wednesday, January 24th, at Paradise.

The dates of the remainder of the meetings will be announced at a later date, in ample time for those desiring to attend to be informed.

SECOND SHOT MAY PARADE OF FORD TRUCKS GIVEN TUESDAY

Shot in Well Wednesday Gets No Showing of Oil in the Hole

The stage is all set for the Carey well "to do its do," and as the Messenger goes to press this Thursday afternoon a crowd of people is in the vicinity of the well, expecting to see a stream of the golden fluid shot thru the crown block. Wednesday afternoon a charge of fifty quarts of nitro was exploded in the bottom of the well, and a portion of the waiting crowd was disappointed when only an elegant shower of rocks and shale went high into the derrick. The drillers and owners of the well stated before the shot was put in that they were not expecting anything startling from the charge, but thought "probably something might happen." Nothing had been struck by the drill at the depth where the charge was exploded, and when drilling was stopped several hundred feet of shale and lime, with no oil showing, had been penetrated. After passing thru about one hundred and twenty-five feet of oil-bearing sand this shale was hit.

It is this sand that is expected to produce heavily after a shot is given it, and at Messenger's press hour preparations are being made to touch off a large quantity of nitro. Several hundred people are in the roads leading to the well and in the nearby fields, watching proceedings. Representatives of a number of oil companies are on the ground, and they seem to be of one opinion—that a producer will be made of the Carey.

Drilling contracts, it is learned, are being made to sink wells south and southeast of the Carey location, it being the belief of the experts that the Carey has removed all doubt about the existence of a monster pool in that vicinity. The gas flow in the Carey has increased since the shot was discharged in the well Wednesday afternoon.

Messenger is in receipt of a number of letters and telegrams from subscribers in other states, asking for reports on the Carey "when it comes in."

LATER—This (Thursday) afternoon late word comes from the Carey well that a good size monkey wrench has been tossed into the proceedings, started Wednesday to shoot the well into production, and affairs are in a muddle, and it is believed further work on the well will be stopped, temporarily, at least as a result of the controversy. One report states that the land-owners are demanding that off-sets be drilled, while the company is "standing pat" on their proposition that the leases be extended. All arrangements had been made for the well to be "shot" again, when the storm broke in the ranks of the land-owners, and the Carey company representatives called off the "shooters" and politely informed the owners of the land to step to. What the outcome will be is not now in sight. It is reported that another well, two miles south of the Carey, will be spudded in just as soon as the rig and machinery can be put on the ground.

Paschall and Miss Ma Mae Lambert visited in Alvord last Sunday.

SIL HARDWICK AND MISS TAYLOR WED

Mr. Siliman Hardwick and Miss Ultra Taylor were married Monday evening in the college study of President J. L. Ward, and immediately after the ceremony the happy couple went to their new home on West Walnut street, which had been furnished and supplied, ready for house keeping. Rev. Ward performed the ceremony.

The groom, Siliman, is one of the best known and best liked young men in our city. He is a "native" of this community, the son of Mr. Charles Hardwick, a pioneer citizen. This young man has many friends; he is industrious, honorable, and for several years has conducted a successful tailoring business on North Trinity street. During the world war he was a soldier under the stars and stripes in France, doing his duties cheerfully and fearlessly. "Sil's" bride is the daughter of "Squire" and Mrs. T. L. Taylor, and for the past two years has been a saleslady with Perkins-Timberlake Company. She is a charming young lady, and since moving here with her parents from Paradise, she has drawn about her a large circle of friends. Messenger joins the many well-wishers of this happy couple in wishing them a long, long journey down the stream of life.

Dallas Companies Show Twenty Texas Made Truck Bodies

The Ford Motor Company, under the auspices of the local dealers, the Decatur Motor Company, staged a Ford truck parade here Tuesday that attracted a large crowd of farmers and townspeople. There were twenty different makes of trucks in the display, which arrived from Fort Worth Monday night, and the showing was comprehensive in giving the many styles of bodies manufactured by three Dallas concerns. A distinctive feature was the fact that the bodies were all made in Dallas, and by Texas people. While the display was shown on the square the men in charge explained to those interested many uses to which the trucks could be put, giving the fine points of each vehicle.

George H. Nesbitt, road man of the Ford Motor Company, was in charge of the fleet, which was divided into individual displays from Dallas companies making truck bodies. The American Body Company was represented by W. M. Lambuth, the Texas Wheel & Body Company by L. R. Evans, while Fred Edwards represented the company of which he is the manager, the Edwards Wheel & Body Company, and W. M. Spoonmoore represented the Martin-Parry Corporation.

The parade traversed the square and principal streets, coming back to the square, where a musical concert was rendered by the local home brew orchestra. About eleven o'clock the trucks were carried on up the Meridian.

A description of the different trucks shown was given the Messenger man by the men in charge as follows:

Fred Edwards, president of the Edwards Wheel & Body Works of Dallas, had the following types: Type three-in-one farm and general truck, made of solid oak; made in units to take apart for different uses. Stoke one-unit body for general use, made of oak. Full top express body, entirely covered, with roll curtains; for use by stores.

W. M. Spoonmoore of the Martin-Parry Corporation of Dallas, displayed the following: Stoke body for farm and general use; one-unit. Stock rack and grain body for all purposes of heavy duty; cab and curtains. Six-post delivery body, for general delivery; covered all way; roll curtains. Panel-top body, for dry goods delivery; all closed against weather and dust.

L. R. Evans had the following from the Texas Wheel & Body Company of Dallas: Three-in-one farm body, general all-purpose farm truck. Stoke body for grocery or oil delivery. Full canopy top for retail grocery delivery. Panel-top body, for dry goods, laundry or tailoring delivery. Lumber and pipe body for heavy work.

W. M. Lambuth, secretary of the American Body Company of Dallas, displayed: Three-in-one all-purpose farm truck; special patented body by Mr. Ritcherson of this company. Natural oak stroke body, for heavy hauling, oil or milk cans. Heavy-duty express; closed cab on ideal body for all weather. Full-top express body; for grocery delivery or truck farming, or any light hauling. This company boasts of using all Texas material in its bodies.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING MONDAY

Th Wise County post of the American Legion met in regular session last Monday night to transact some very important business.

The meeting was called to order by Post Commander Taylor, and a discussion of unfinished business was held. Quite a little "pep" was manifested in the membership campaign which the Wise county post is now carrying on. Arrangements were made whereby the banquet will be given the first Monday night of February and the losing side will "cough up the kale." However, the boys are out "foraging," so if anyone misses a few chickens, ham, pie or anything that a white man can devour, just say it's o. k. because the legion will be more than likely the one that commits the crime. To save the good ladies of Decatur any anxiety, we would suggest that they call L. Q. Sparks stating just what they want the post to capture on that night, and he will see that the proper trenches are dug and artillery brought up to protect them from any further losses. Give them a pie, cake or chicken and watch for a million-dollar smile.



—Today if you are earning money, it is because you are working for it today.

—If you begin banking a spare part of that money it will some day be working for you. When you are old, it will buy the comforts which are so enjoyable and and then you will bless the day you started a bank account.

—Put your money in our bank.

First National Bank

Decatur : : : Texas.

"Buy It In Decatur"

The post is also making arrangements with the proper authorities in Fort Worth whereby the Panthers will play an exhibition game of baseball here in the near future. Great things are being planned for that day so be prepared to come out and have one great time in your life and at the same time help the Wise county post.

The post is also planning to build a home sometime in the very near future. The proposition has been put before the boys and they are determined to put it over. You can bet your bottom dollar that it will go over, for after three years of army life they surely ought to know how to put over as small a proposition as "building a home." Let's get behind the boys who helped us "over there" and help them "over here."

The post is planning a number of things that will be a credit to the county. Give them a cheering word every chance you have. They have been thru enough without a word of cheer, so do your bit now.

All men in Wise county who served in the world war are urged to join. You need the legion and the legion

needs you—so do not wait to be asked, but come on in. A glad hand will welcome you at the door, and a good feed will be waiting for you on the inside of the hall. Come out next meeting night and see how the boys do things here.

Come on with the cats, people, and let's give the boys one big ration on February 5th.

DEMONSTRATION IN BEST DRESS FORMS

A dress form demonstration was given at the home of Mrs. Middleton in Willow Point. Mrs. Middleton was the model, and says emphatically that every woman should have a dress form of this kind. Much fun is had at such a meeting since the model must stand erect thruout the demonstration. Mrs. Middleton took the teasing in a wonderful way and declared she did not get tired. She wants every one of the thirty-eight women and girls to let her help them make a dress form.

The total cost of these forms is the sum of seventy-five cents.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT New Hotel Greathouse

Rooms with private bath, \$2.00
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and Sundays.

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Proprietor.

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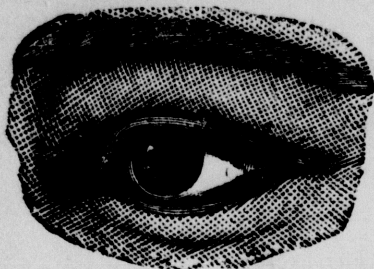
Cars Leave Decatur Hotels

8:15 a. m. and 12:15 p. m.

Cars Leave Terminal Hotel, Fort Worth

10 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Fred Freeman



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—Druggists and Opticians—

Everett W. Bass, Optometrist

Local News

Monk Wilson is here from Fort Worth.

Allie Thomas was here Monday from Denton.

E. E. Gose was here yesterday from Quanah.

Tom Wright and family visited in Boyd Monday.

Mrs. P. J. Fullingim visited in Dallas this week.

E. H. Baumgartner was in Fort Worth Monday.

J. A. Moore and family were Boyd visitors Sunday.

Henry Buttrill and family visited Denton Tuesday.

Newt Woods was here this week from Fort Worth.

E. B. Melton was here Sunday from Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Marion Askey has returned from a stay in Olney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gose were in Fort Worth Thursday.

J. P. Williams and family were here from Mineral Wells.

Mrs. William Cooper has been visiting relatives in Rhome.

Dr. and Mrs. John Blanton were here yesterday from Chico.

Mrs. Ben Grubbs entertained the forty-two club last Saturday.

F. H. Helm and Tennis Beville of Bridgeport, were here Tuesday.

E. T. Canada and family visited relatives in Greenwood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott visited their daughter in Rhome this week.

Don't try to shave with a dull razor—have Roe Shoemaker hone it for you.

Mrs. Hamilton and daughter, Miss Clyde, visited in Fort Worth last week.

Mmes. Guinn Williams and D. M. Thurner visited in Fort Worth last week.

Bargains in stoves, furniture and harness at Burton's second hand store.

Dee McCracken, known as the king of Servilleta, New Mexico, is here on a visit.

The most reliable hair tonics on the market are sold by Roe Shoemaker.

Miss Jessie Badger was here Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. A. E. Badger.

E. L. Brandenburg and Jack Rieger made a business trip to Sanger Monday.

Mrs. W. L. Dallas and daughter, Miss Alma, visited in Bridgeport on Tuesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jud Malone, on Thursday, January 11, 1923, a daughter.

Bud Gardner, J. C. Barnhill and Mark Marshall were here Wednesday from Chico.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stevenson, Tuesday, January 16th, 1923, a daughter.

Have those dull scissors sharpened for twenty-five cents at Roe Shoemaker's shop.

The Dodge car of W. A. Hanna at Alvord was stolen from the garage Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helm and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Helm were Denton visitors Sunday.

See the basketball game tonight at the college—D. B. C. vs. Grubbs Vocational College.

Next Friday night—"A Girl's Desire," starring Alice Calhoun, at the Majestic theatre.

Country style pure pork sausage, twenty cents per pound. City Meat Market.

W. C. Milligan is at home from Spur. He has closed his gin at that place for the season.

Miss Beatrice Kuteman and Miss Minnie Lee Williams are visiting friends in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frazer and Miss Mildred Kerr left Tuesday for a visit to Dallas and Sherman.

Mrs. C. W. Ferguson and son have returned from a visit to relatives in Wichita Falls and Electra.

Get your furniture repaired at Burton's second hand store, first door north of Alland's shoe shop.

Mrs. C. W. Ferguson and son, Miller, have returned from a visit to Henrietta and Wichita Falls.

H. P. Black left this week for Grandview, where he is conducting the singing in a revival meeting.

Mrs. D. H. Payne entertained the Worthwhile club Thursday afternoon at her home on North Trinity street.

"The Girl from God's Country," featuring Nell Shipman, at Majestic theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

J. L. Frazer has sold his grocery stock to Combs & Moody of Paradise. The stock has been moved to Paradise.

J. R. "Baldy" Newcomb, formerly manager of the Independent tele Fort Worth yesterday in company with O. N. Matthews.

Mrs. Tom Dunn is improving in health after several weeks' treatment in a Fort Worth sanitarium, and is expected home Sunday.

W. L. Durrett of Henrietta, has been named the new station agent for the Denver at Decatur. Mr. Durrett has moved his family here and assumed his duties.

Manager Blythe announces the securing of a super-special picture for next Wednesday and Thursday at the Majestic, "The Girl from God's Country," starring Nell Shipman.

Editor N. O. Carter of the Alvord News, was here Monday. Mr. Carter last week succeeded R. H. Richardson as editor of the Alvord paper. Mr. Richardson goes to Forney.

Mrs. R. A. Mobley and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Turner went to Burnett last Saturday, where they attended the funeral of Charles Ray Lambert, a nephew of Mrs. Mobley.

S. A. Phillips went to Fort Worth yesterday to visit his father, S. M. Phillips, who underwent a serious operation there last week. He reports his father as improving nicely.

Rev. A. A. Kidd, secretary of the Methodist centenary movement for the North Texas conference, preached two splendid sermons at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night.

John Price, a prominent farmer of the Joe Bailey community, was carried to a Fort Worth sanitarium this week, where he underwent an operation. Late reports were that he was improving.

M. W. Stewart of Bowie, is here arranging to paint and install new curtains and scenery on the high school auditorium stage. Mr. Stewart is one of the best scenic and sign painters in the state.

Mr. C. R. Hildebrand, oil operator of Wichita, Kansas, was here this week, the guest of S. McCormack. Mr. Hildebrand is en route to Florida. He was favorably impressed with the oil prospects of Wise county.

The nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Erwin died at the family home near Rhome Wednesday night. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, after which the remains were interred in the Boyd cemetery.

Jim Kendall, former citizen of Decatur, now practicing law in West Texas, was in the city first of the week visiting relatives and friends. Jim was in a happy mood and stated that his section of the state was in full fruit and flower.

S. M. Phillips, an old and highly respected citizen of the Preskitt community, underwent a serious operation in a Fort Worth sanitarium on Wednesday of last week. He has since been improving, and his condition is reported as favorable.

The ladies' aid society of the Christian church met last Monday at the home of Mrs. W. P. Thurmond with a good number of members present. The work of the society for the coming year was outlined and the members expect to accomplish much good work in 1923.

H. W. Barton, manager of Acher Oil Company, made announcement Wednesday that well No. 4 was placed on the pump Wednesday and was showing for one hundred and fifty to two hundred barrels production. Mr. Barton said that well No. 5 is to be drilled soon.

Mmes. T. J. Elder and C. P. Dodson will entertain the Mission Study Class Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dodson. The Bible lesson is the entire book of Ezekiel. The mission study lesson is the sixth chapter of the book, "Building with India." All members are urged to be present, as the new books will be ready for delivery.

Steve Terrell of this city, now a student in State University, has won distinction in the art department of that institution. One of his recent drawings was recognized by the art instructors as the best sketch ever made by a Freshman in the university. The sketch was sent to a New York artist for criticism. Steve's work in sketching has attracted much attention here for the past few years.

The basketball team from Grubbs Vocational College of Arlington, will play Decatur College five here at the college gym tonight (Friday). The visiting squad is recognized as one of the best junior college basketball teams in the state. The college team has been whipping into shape during

the last two weeks' practice, and an interesting game is expected tonight. Go out and enjoy the game and encourage our local athletes.

The work of placing curbing and gutters on the two blocks of South Trinity just north of the college campus has just been completed. A movement is on foot among the residents of this street to continue the gutter and curb to the square. This is one of the most important streets in the city, leading as it does from the court house to the college, and it should be placed in first-class condition.

Sheriff W. M. Workman returned Wednesday from Colorado City with a man who is charged with disposing of mortgage property in this county. When arrested, the man was preparing to make a crop in Mitchell county. Henry Leonard of Bridgeport held a mortgage on the property, it is claimed, when it was sold. When Mr. Leonard learned that the property had been disposed of he notified Sheriff Workman, who immediately located the man in West Texas. He made bond in the sum of \$1,000.

Work has begun on the annual to be issued by the senior class of Decatur Baptist College, and the copy will go to the publisher in April. Ben Williams is business manager of the annual, and he is now busy securing advertising from the local business concerns to pay the expense of the publication. The annual is one of the best advertisements the school can put out, and it is important that Decatur be well represented in its publication. The annual will fit in nicely with the plans of Decatur business men to make a drive for a full school at the college next fall.

Fresh fish and oysters every day at the City Meat Market.

Uncle Felix Gose died on Monday morning at the home of his nephew, Dr. Joe Gose in Haskell, following a long illness. Uncle Felix was one of the pioneer citizens of Wise county coming here before the war between the states broke, and for many years after the conflict he was an honored citizen of the county. He fought thruout the war with the confederate army, and when peace was declared he returned to this community, and during his long citizenship here he was a good and honorable man, numbering his friends by the scores. Uncle Felix will be missed. The funeral was held in Haskell Tuesday morning, attended by John G. Gose of this city.

Eye glasses fitted; any broken part duplicated; satisfaction guaranteed. We know the business—fifteen years' experience. Sanders & Ingram.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

1c Per Word

—CASH IN ADVANCE—
No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

FOR TRADE

TO TRADE—An L. C. Smith double-barrel shotgun for a good typewriter. M. B. SMITH.

LOST

LOST—Watch chain, white gold; fob relay track medal. Return to Messenger office. (3)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1920 Ford truck; good condition. Terms if wanted. See JNO. F. THOMAS, Decatur. (4)

FOR SALE—Well bred registered Jersey bull; two years old and gentle.—J. T. PHILLIPS, route eight Decatur. (4)

FOR SALE—Farm tools, cultivator, harrow, stalk cutter, rake and other small tools. Will sell reasonable.—OBIE REEVES, Decatur. (4)

EGGS—Barrred Plymouth Rock; pure bred. Setting of fifteen for 75c.—S. A. PHILLIPS, phone Ind. 84-11, Decatur. (4)

FOR SALE—Good clean red seed oats.—R. B. RUCKER, S. W. phone 136-21, route five. (5)

FOR SALE—Three iron beds and one duofold.—MRS. W. P. THURMOND, Decatur. (4)

FOR SALE—Good clean red seed oats.—J. A. CHRISTIAN, Ind. phone, Decatur. (1-1f)

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Mobile 8-16 traction engine; in A-1 shape.—L. C. ROSENBERG, Ind. phone 4-21, Decatur. (5)

FOR TRADE—For a small sandy land farm free of debt, a confectionery business doing good business; the best location in town; also the business house—would take \$4,000 for the business and all. Write me what you have.—A. K. STACKS, P. O. box 167, Palmer, Texas. (4)

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs and baby chicks; special matings, eggs \$2.50 setting; regular flock eggs \$1.00 setting. Now taking orders for February and March delivery of baby chicks; chicks, special matings 25c each; regular flock 15c each—all from A. & M. strain.—MRS. K. A. OSBURN, Boonsville, Texas. (4)

FOR increased profits and complete satisfaction grow Russell's big boll imported Lone Star cotton. It will please you from planting to selling; well proportioned medium sized plant early and rapid fruiter, extra large bolls, high lint percentage, 38 to 40 per cent; storm proof, drought resisting, extra quality staple of 1 1-16 to 1 3-16 inches. Purity and quality is our motto. We grow and gin Russell's big boll Improved Lone Star cotton exclusively and sell only the seed from the cotton we grow and gin ourselves. We do no custom ginning. Only a limited amount of seed for sale. Write today for our booklet and prices. Special price on car lots.—RUSSELL'S COTTON SEED BREEDING FARMS, Annona, Red River county, Texas. (1-4)

January Clean-Up

LET THIS ADVERTISEMENT BE YOUR GUIDE!

Now is your time to supply your wants from our stock of high grade merchandise made by the best manufacturers on earth. This is your chance to buy good, warm winter merchandise at a great saving. Read carefully every item listed in this advertisement as it will mean a great saving to you.

LADIES DRESSES

In Tricotines Serges, Taffetas and Canton Crepes—
\$35.00 dresses, now only.....\$15.95
\$30.00 dresses, now only.....\$14.45
\$25.00 dresses, now only.....\$13.45
\$20.00 dresses, now only.....\$11.95
\$17.50 dresses, now only.....\$ 9.95

COAT SWEATERS

One lot of men's and children's heavy coat sweaters, values to \$1.50, sale price only.....75c

UNION SUITS

Ladies' \$1.25 ankle length union suits.....75c
Ladies' 50c vests.....35c
Boys' union suits.....48c
Men's heavy fleeced shirts.....65c
Men's heavy fleeced drawers.....65c
Men's heavy union suits.....75c

MEN'S, LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

We are overstocked in this department. We must unload our present stock of shoes and oxfords—and a great many of them brand new goods—to make room
One lot ladies' shoes on counter at.....98c
One lot ladies' flat heel pumps and oxfords, \$3.50 to \$5.00 values, going at only.....\$2.69
Ladies' dress slippers, French and military heels, \$6.50 to \$8.00 values, at only.....\$5.45
Men's good heavy work shoes at only.....\$2.49
\$3.50 men's army shoes, at only.....\$2.79
Men's brown kangaroo straight last shoes.....\$4.95
\$12.50 and \$10.00 Florsheim shoes.....\$8.95

PIECE GOODS DEPARTMENT

\$3.50 wools, priced at only.....\$2.69
\$2.50 woolens, priced at only.....\$1.69
\$2.00 woolens, priced at only.....\$1.39
\$1.25 ratine, priced at only.....79c
36-inch Canton crepes, priced at.....\$1.95
36-inch scrim, priced at.....15c
25c dress gingham, priced at only.....19c
20c dress gingham, priced at only.....15c
Good grade outing, priced at only.....10c
36-inch domestic, priced at only.....12c

MEN'S SUITS

6121 Curlee suits, known the world over—every suit is guaranteed—
\$35.00 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$22.95
\$30.00 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$18.95
\$25.00 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$16.45
\$19.50 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$13.95
\$15.00 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$ 9.95

MEN'S MOLESKIN COATS AND VESTS

\$12.50 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$8.95
\$10.00 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$7.45
\$ 7.50 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$5.45
\$ 5.00 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$3.95
\$ 4.00 values, reduced in this sale to.....\$2.95

These are only a few of the many real values we will have to offer in this sale. Our loss is your gain. Come and join the throng of many satisfied customers and be convinced. Our prices are right and our selections good.

SALE STARTS SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH—AND
CLOSES SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH!

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West Side Square

Decatur, Texas

REGISTRATIONS AT
NEW GREATHOUSE

Following are registrations at the Hotel Greathouse since the last issue of the Messenger:

Richard N. Woodward, Chattanooga, Tennessee; W. L. Diver, Dallas; E. D. Lyons, Fort Worth; W. C. Payne, Bowie; A. C. Hederson, Dallas; S. M. Ward, city; J. H. Smart, Dallas; P. L. Gettys, city; C. T. Hall, Wichita Falls; A. J. Item, Waco; A. J. Allen, Chicago, Illinois; Lee Beard, St. Louis, Missouri; T. P. Hunter, Longview; W. T. Finn, Fort Worth; L. C. Lindwood and wife, Dallas; G. C. Graham, Dallas; M. N. Stewart, Bowie; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reagan, Paris; S. J. Shaffman, Fort Worth; W. H. Wigly, Wichita Falls; Theresa Holland, Denton; E. M. Pinchard, Greenville; B. C. Workman, Greenville; W. S. Gustafson, Chicago, Illinois; C. I. Strong, Dallas; L. R. Evans, Dallas; Geo. N. Nesbit, Dallas; Fred Edwards, Dallas; A. Donley, Dallas; A. Chanies, Dallas; M. W. Lamberth, Dallas; John Zotoes, Fort Worth; Elizabeth Paschall, city; M. E. Matthews, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunning, Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lillard, city; Mr. and Mrs. John Renshaw, city; C. A. Handly, Cleburne; N. M. Miller, Cleburne; B. Barrow, Dallas; W. Goodwin and wife, Fort Worth; T. L. Valentine, Fort Worth; B. H. Houston, Arlington; E. E. Seely, Rhomb; F. W. Wilson, Nocona; W. C. Sherrod, Wichita Falls; W. M. Brin, Dallas; George Young, Wichita Falls; Dr. A. G. Bussey, Ridge, Colorado; J. C. Watts, Dallas; E. L. Keltz, Vernon; Mrs. Fannie B. Keltz, Vernon; H. C. Ratcliff, California; Ed Hoggson, Dallas; J. C. Robinson, Dallas; S. W. Jones, Kansas City, Missouri; M. F. Boss, Kansas City, Missouri; W. M. Snip, Fort Worth; D. W. Nowlin, Dallas; Dwight L. Williams, Dallas; H. L. Paffy, Dallas; J. T. Overstreet, Dallas; C. N. Banard and wife, Wichita Falls; W. A. McColey, Wichita Falls; J. W. White, Dallas; J. T. Hyde, Dallas; M. E. Numma, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. M. E. Aronson, Amarillo; Mrs. G. Baum, Amarillo; Mrs. Will Rogers, Amarillo; N. H. Hamlin, Wichita Falls; E. P. McBee, Fort Worth; J. J. Murray, Fort Worth; L. H. Slade, Dallas; J. R. Catio, city; Thos. E. Alexander, Dallas; H. B. Kraft and wife, Dallas; Luther J. Browne, Fort Worth; J. C. Edmonds, Dallas; Lois Holland, Denton; Frederick Holland, Denton; A. E. Beaver, Fort Worth; Paul Hunt, Dallas; E. J. Deekel, Dallas; W. J. Hale, Oklahoma; W. M. Hill, Burkburnett; J. B. Bell, Burkburnett; Parke V. Lucas, Dallas; Miss Prague, Dallas; Phillips, Dallas; Mrs. W. L. Rush, city; Allen F. Rowan, city; J. M. Gibbon, city; A. A. Kidd, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Roats, Dallas.

ALVORD NEWS
(News).

On Tuesday of this week T. F. Hollabaugh and family left Alvord to make their home in Denton.

Rev. J. C. Hines has gone to Austin to appear before the legislature to try to get a bill passed requiring health certificates for candidates who want to get married.

Aside from all the other things produced and marketed in Alvord, cream and butter fat hold no insignificant place in the financial plans of the Alvord farmer. During the year 1922 the Brewer Mercantile reports that it paid out here in cash the magnificent sum of \$5,250 for cream and butter fat alone.

After an illness covering the space of about a year, the death angel called at the home of Mrs. Annie Hammack Tuesday afternoon, January 9th, and at about five o'clock accompanied the soul of Mrs. Hammack's daughter, Miss Leona, to that mansion in the skies. The deceased, just blooming into lovely womanhood, bore her affliction with great fortitude, and when the final test came laid aside life's burdens with that sweetness of spirit that had always characterized her life.

BOYD NEWS

J. A. Moore and family of Decatur, were Boyd visitors Sunday.

There will be a program given at the Boyd high school Thursday night. Everyone invited to attend.

Mr. G. I. Taylor's barn burned on Monday night, west of town. A good quantity of valuable feed was lost.

Mr. M. Gooch, S. D. McCluney, M. S. Frazee, W. R. Boyd and J. L. Jones visited the Rhomb Masonic lodge last Saturday night. They report a very enjoyable meeting.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to my many friends and neighbors for the shower they gave me last Saturday evening and night. May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one in my prayer.
MRS. FOWLER.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NOTES OF INTEREST.

The write-up of the recent meeting of the chamber of commerce held in the Hotel Greathouse was given a four column headline of big black type by the Dallas News last Monday. We appreciate this compliment, old Dal-Gal.

Dairy farmers should not forget that in lieu of other leguminous feeds they may grow cow peas. It is a fine rich nitrogenous feed and we have thousands of acres hardily suitable for anything else. Sow the seed in drills or broadcast, cut with a mower, bale and store; cut when the pods are turning yellow. Ask Glen Hunt, who put up about fourteen acres last year. It's a great crop, we are going to find out; cuts cut much of the expense for cotton seed meal—is the same kind of feed.

The boys of the American Legion are getting active locally. They promise to do much for the town and county in which they live. There is much to do and it is felicitating to see more than one organization at work. For in some towns there are many organizations striving to put things over: Lions, Kiwanis, Civitans, chambers of commerce—all acting co-operatively in a single town. Poor old down-hearted, orphaned Decatur—for several years up to recently there was nothing doing at all. Changed now.

The statement bear repetition, "Towns don't grow, gentlemen; they are made," J. L. Ward told the chamber of commerce. And, remember, Mr. Orms said: "Oil development, though achieved in the highest measure, fails to bring permanence. And it blights social life. The only permanency, the perennial reliability for any agricultural community is in the development of its farm life." Mr. Lawson, another visitor, said also: "We've got to come back in the wake of chickens and cows and hogs, terracing and good roads. These are the fundamentals."

METHODIST CHURCH

Since the centenary has right-of-way in all our churches from the fourteenth of January to the same date in February, and according to the orders of the centenary authorities, we will give another Sunday morning service to this interest. Next Sunday morning Brother A. A. Kidd will be here again and in the afternoon at three o'clock will hold a meeting for the preachers and lay members of Decatur and of the charges contiguous to Decatur. At the evening service Brother O. W. Moerner, conference superintendent of the Sunday school work, will preach.

Monday night will begin our district teacher training school. This school will be of interest to all the church workers as well as Sunday school teachers. There will be two recitation periods in each of the following books each night: "The Pupil" and "A Methodist Church and its Work." At seven-thirty each night there will be an inspirational address along the lines of practical Sunday school and other forms of Christian service.

It is earnestly desired that a large number of our people, especially the Sunday school workers, attend this school of instruction. There will be no expense, except the price of the books, and if you do not have the money to buy the books we will loan you the books for the school. But, whether you take the course of study or not, attend the class periods and the lectures and get all the good out of this meeting that you can.

By all means attend this meeting next week for the sake of your church's reputation if for nothing else. Let's show to the Sunday school authorities of our conference that Decatur is on the map. If you took the course last year, then come on and refresh your mind on the things you learned then. By all means attend each night if possible.

FARM EXPERT WILL
VISIT WISE COUNTY

Albert K. Short, a Wise county man, now for long years with the Texas A. & M. College as agronomist, will visit the county from January 29th to February 3rd, to hold a series of meetings in the county on subjects of primary importance to farming. Mr. Short is now a veteran in the organization of farm experts in the southwest. There is perhaps no other man in the state who is more intimately acquainted than Mr. Short with the vast ranges of farm territory represented in the southwest nor with the special and particular problems of farming that inhere in so diversified a territory. Campaign after campaign he has made in the sands and timbered country of East Texas, and visit after visit he has made into the plains and prairie country of the west. He knows Texas—every foot of it—and he knows Texas' agricultural problems in minutest details. On top of all or behind all he is efficiently trained in the sciences that lie behind agriculture and he is so all-around well equipped that it is a source of gratitude to know that he is coming to Wise county to assist and aid us in handling our problems here.

Just recently Mr. Short has participated in two endeavors that have a close application to a similarity of needs that exist in Wise county. First of these was a soil and fertilizer campaign that was prosecuted in a number of East Texas counties whose thin and worn sandy lands stand in the same need of mineral fertilizer that exist, especially in the timbered part, of Wise county. Next was a conference of cotton farmers held in the city of Dallas last Saturday, whereat the entire program was devoted to the very important matter of cotton varieties in the relation of their adaptability to the market demands, soils, climate and the insectivorous emergency of the southwest. It was an attempt on the part of Dallas county cotton farmers to select and standardize the better varieties and to eliminate the poor and inefficient ones.

In respect to both these problems it may be said that Wise county stands vitally in need of illumination. It is believed that we may very profitably apply fertilizers in the growth of our cotton, and now comes along Mr. Short to accord us the necessary information concerning its use and application. It is admittedly the need of the county too that we know far more than we do know about cotton varieties and the variations of their adaptability to our soils and conditions. Mr. Short is stocked with information in connection with both these need and will divulge himself to our gain and profit.

These meetings, however, are being planned to cover a wide range of subjects related to improved farming—a summing up and explanation, as it were, of the various procedures and recommendations that have been advanced to cover the planting program of 1923. The staple lines of farming mainly will be treated are cotton, corn growing, feed crops, grain crops, home living and livestock farming—subjects of so wide and deep appeal that every farmer, no matter what his special industry may be, may have here opportunity to gain knowledge of vital usefulness in his occupation as a farmer.

But there is to be a special interest developed. Victor H. Schoffelmeyer, staff writer of the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News, and a keen student of farming, is a man who has recently made a study in one of the states of the old southeast of a special method of fighting the boll weevil that is said to have been very successful. This gentleman will be invited to come here and deliver at least one lecture on the subject.

As yet but one definite date and place has been selected for these meetings. County Agent W. M. Love has already decided that a general all-around conference and discussion will take place in the court house in Decatur on Saturday, February 3rd. Other dates and places will be announced. Wherever the meeting in the county will be held they will not be without illustrative accompaniments. All the subjects will be illustrated with pictures from a lantern slide machine which the county agent ordered this week to be on hand specially for the occasions. Farmers are asked to take note of the big meeting promised for Decatur, and to remember the date. It will be a chance to finally settle on your plans before planting time comes. You will learn here many facts you ought to know about cotton varieties, fertilizing, about the mooted question of acreage, whether there promises to be much planted or not and what the possible effect on prices, etc. Also you will learn about many other staple lines of farming, about boll weevil and the general farm living. It ought to compose an old-time conference of Wise county farmers on subjects related to their interest.

In Memoriam.

In memory of little Wilson Clarke of Greenwood, who was taken to Fort Worth to St. Joseph's infirmary for an operation last Wednesday week and died Tuesday following. The remains were brought from Fort Worth to Greenwood by Man & Christian of Decatur for burial.

A little jewel bloomed in sway, And here he reared for many a day; He was so fair.

Each one was attracted as he grew, Wondered why he was caught from view While nestling here.

God claims the treasure pure and fair As all His own; He called him home To keep him long. He had sweet saying o'er and o'er, But one good word he spoke no more His life was gone.

Often in the different paths of life, Amid its toils, its cares and strife, We often roam. Then some sweet mem'ry charms us here, Some holy thoughts dispel all fear

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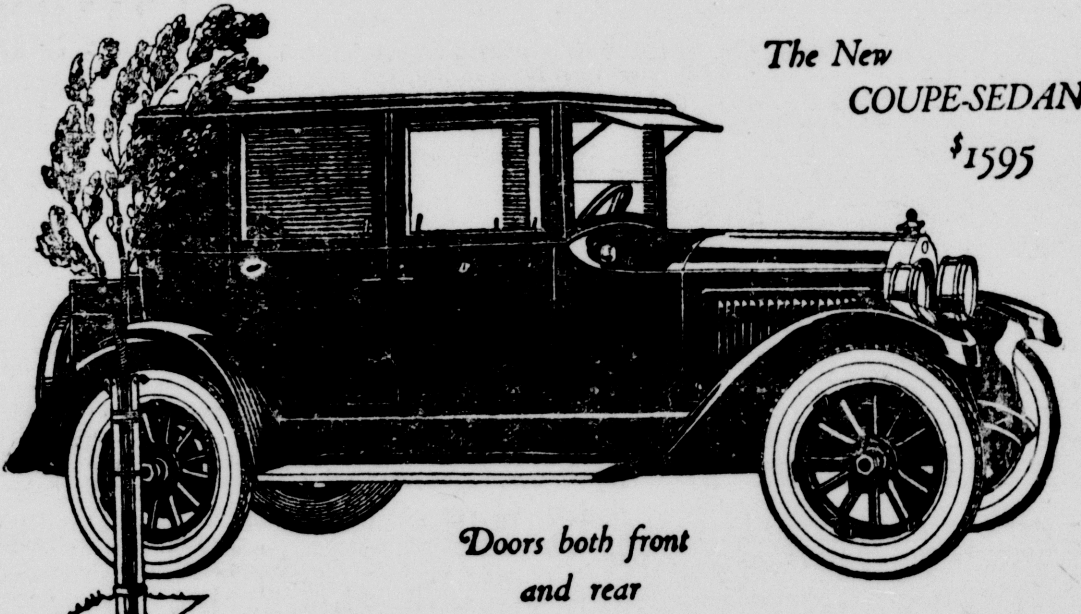
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Doors front and rear give easy entrance and exit, unhampered by folding seats. Deeply cushioned, richly upholstered, and powered with the one type of motor that improves with use—this model is the year's greatest advance in fine-car design.

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ROADSTER 3-pass. : \$1235	COUPE 3-pass. : \$1695
SEDAN 5-pass. : \$1795	All prices f. o. b. Toledo

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Every Tuesday and Friday

—If you want quick service on your freight give your orders to us. We do general hauling in Decatur and are at your service any time—day or night.

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as you like of our shoe repairing and you will find we deliver the goods. Let us make oxfords of your high-top shoes—a dollar saved is a dollar made.

Champion Shoe Shop



And guide us home. And when earth's charms like withered flow'rs, Amid affection's darkest hours— No longer cheer: A holy peace, a quiet joy, Which all pure love can hold, Brings heaven near.—A Friend.

CUPID'S CAPERS

E. T. Stack and Miss Tina Judkins. S. L. Hardwick and Miss Ulla Taylor. Arnold Wright and Miss Zora Dye. O. L. Vawter and Miss Roxie Williams.

You will find in this mammoth stock of high grade merchandise many bargains that our space will not permit us to enumerate. The winter having been so mild naturally has caused us to accumulate more winter goods than we want to carry over. With the market advancing every day you will be able to buy from us cheaper than we can replace the same class of merchandise next fall. This is your one big opportunity to buy your wearing apparel and commodities for the coming months. You will be sure to get your money's worth by coming here to make your purchases!

ASSOCIATED STORES

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY
UNINCORPORATED

In this sale you will find greatly reduced such well known articles as Hudnutt's toilet articles, Phoenix hosiery, Cadet hosiery, Buster Brown hosiery, silks, Canton crepes, table linens, suitings, curtain nets, draperies, cretons, laces, buttons, purses, notions, novelty goods, etc. You will also find quite a lot of new spring merchandise here for your inspection; new fall dress goods—plaid skirting, new organdies, new voiles, new tissue ginghams, new dimities, long cloths and all the new dainty white goods. We show the new things first! Don't fail to visit our store during this sale.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Begins Next SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 and Continues 15 Days
When this Store Advertises a Sale, it Means that Prices are Made for a Complete Clearance

Men's Clothing Reduced



Men's Suit Special

—Only seventy-five Hart Schaffner & Marx suits left. We invoiced these suits the first of January at a price that enables us to make you the low price of..... \$24.50 If you contemplate buying a suit, this is the time to save money.
\$15.00 men's suits, this sale..... \$ 8.95
\$19.50 men's suits, this sale..... \$12.50
\$24.50 men's all-wool suits, this sale... \$14.35
Only 25 overcoats left for your selection—go in this sale at exactly half price.

Extra Trousers

\$3.00 trousers, this sale..... \$2.35
\$3.50 trousers, this sale..... \$2.95
\$4.00 trousers, this sale..... \$3.35
\$4.50 trousers, this sale..... \$3.65
\$5.00 trousers, this sale..... \$3.95
\$5.50 trousers, this sale..... \$4.45
\$6.00 trousers, this sale..... \$4.95
\$6.50 trousers, this sale..... \$5.25
\$7.00 trousers, this sale..... \$5.95
\$7.50 trousers, this sale..... \$6.25

Men's Caps

50c dress and pull-down caps..... 35c
75c dress and pull-down caps..... 50c
\$1.00 dress and pull-down caps..... 79c
\$1.25 dress and pull-down caps..... 85c
\$1.50 dress and pull-down caps..... \$1.19
\$1.95 dress and pull-down caps..... \$1.50
\$2.50 dress and pull-down caps..... \$1.95
\$3.00 dress and pull-down caps..... \$2.35
\$3.50 dress and pull-down caps..... \$2.65

24 dozen Cadet hose—white, blue, mode and grey—this sale..... 19c
\$5.00 boys' booties, this sale..... \$3.95
Canvass gloves at..... 8c

Men's Shirts

\$1.95 dress shirts, this sale..... \$1.50
\$2.50 dress shirts, this sale..... \$1.95
\$2.95 dress shirts, this sale..... \$2.25
\$3.50 dress shirts, this sale..... \$2.95
\$3.95 dress shirts, this sale..... \$3.25
\$5.00 dress shirts, this sale..... \$3.95
150 percale and madras dress shirts, worth up to \$1.95, this sale..... 65c
\$2.50 and \$2.95 wool overshirts at..... \$1.95
\$3.50 wool overshirts, this sale..... \$2.50
\$1.25 values in tan and grey outing overshirts go in this sale at..... 79c

Boys' Clothing

—We have one hundred boys' knee suits, some with two pairs of trousers—your choice of the lot, excepting the blue serges, during this sale for half price.

\$1.00 knee pants, this sale..... 79c
\$1.50 knee pants, this sale..... \$1.10
\$2.00 knee pants, this sale..... \$1.50
\$2.25 knee pants, this sale..... \$1.65
\$2.50 knee pants, this sale..... \$1.85
\$3.00 knee pants, this sale..... \$2.25
\$3.50 knee pants, this sale..... \$2.65
\$1.00 boys' corduroy pants, this sale..... 79c
100 boys' Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn shirts go in this sale at half price.
Twenty boys' corduroy suits, formerly priced at \$7.95, this sale..... \$4.95

Men's Hats

\$2.50 novelty and staple hats..... \$1.65
\$3.00 novelty and staple hats..... \$2.50
\$3.50 novelty and staple hats..... \$2.95
\$4.00 novelty and staple hats..... \$3.25
\$4.50 novelty and staple hats..... \$3.65
\$4.95 novelty and staple hats..... \$3.95
\$5.95 novelty and staple hats..... \$4.25
\$6.50 novelty and staple hats..... \$4.50
\$ 7.00 Stetson novelty and staple hats..... \$5.25
\$ 8.00 Stetson novelty and staple hats..... \$6.00
\$ 9.00 Stetson novelty and staple hats..... \$6.75
\$10.00 Stetson novelty and staple hats..... \$7.50

Work Clothes

\$4.95 leather jerkins and vests at..... \$3.50
\$3.50 men's corduroy pants, this sale..... \$2.95
\$5.00 men's corduroy pants, this sale..... \$3.95
\$1.65 khaki work pants, this sale..... \$1.29
\$2.00 khaki work pants, this sale..... \$1.65
\$2.50 khaki work pants, this sale..... \$1.95
\$3.00 khaki work pants, this sale..... \$2.35
Lot No. 140—heavy black double-sole work shoes, all-leather, this sale..... \$2.50
\$10.00 men's booties, this sale..... \$5.95
Good mixed grey sox for men..... 8c
Extra good grey sox for men, two pairs..... 25c
Leather palm gloves, cuff and gauntlet..... 23c
\$3.25 mole skin pants, this sale..... \$2.65
\$3.50 mole skin pants, this sale..... \$2.95
\$4.95 lace mole skin pants, this sale..... \$3.95

Specials for Men

150 soft collars for men, this sale..... 5c
100 cuff links for men, this sale..... 15c
Received—late shipment of men's heavy ribbed union suits, this sale..... 98c
\$1.00 men's outing gowns, this sale..... 79c
\$1.50 men's outing gowns, this sale..... \$1.19
Silk four-in-hand neck ties, priced up to \$1.50 go in this sale at..... 19c
75c Hanes shirts and drawers for men..... 48c
Your choice of any knit tie in the house—formerly priced up to \$1.50, this sale..... 39c

Star Brand Shoes

—Some one has said: "Don't you think you are making a mistake by just selling one line of shoes?" Of course we all make mistakes sometimes, but our records will show that we purchased and sold more shoes in 1922 than in the history of the business. Our repair bill was less. Why? Because we sell nothing but Star brand all-leather shoes. We are going to give you the benefit of our cut prices in this sale—

MEN'S SHOES

\$8.50 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$6.65
\$8.00 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$6.15
\$7.50 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$5.75
\$7.00 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$5.35
\$6.50 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$5.00
\$6.00 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$4.65
\$5.00 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$4.15
\$4.50 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$3.75
\$4.00 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$3.35
\$3.50 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$2.95
\$3.25 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$2.75
\$3.00 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$2.50
\$2.75 dress and work shoes, this sale..... \$2.35

LADIES' SHOES

\$7.50 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$5.75
\$7.00 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$5.35
\$6.50 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$5.00
\$6.00 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$4.69
\$5.50 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$4.50
\$5.00 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$4.15
\$4.50 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$3.75
\$4.00 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$3.35
\$3.50 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$2.95
\$3.25 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$2.75
\$3.00 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$2.50
\$2.75 shoes, pumps and oxfords..... \$2.35

CHILDREN'S SHOES

\$5.00 children's shoes, this sale..... \$4.15
\$4.00 children's shoes, this sale..... \$3.35
\$3.50 children's shoes, this sale..... \$2.95
\$3.25 children's shoes, this sale..... \$2.75
\$3.00 children's shoes, this sale..... \$2.50
\$2.75 children's shoes, this sale..... \$2.35
\$2.50 children's shoes, this sale..... \$2.00
\$2.35 children's shoes, this sale..... \$1.90
\$2.25 children's shoes, this sale..... \$1.80
\$2.00 children's shoes, this sale..... \$1.65
\$1.50 children's shoes, this sale..... \$1.20
\$1.40 children's shoes, this sale..... \$1.10

Ladies' Bargains

—Extra special on ladies' light-weight all-wool and silk pull-over and coat sweaters, the very garment for early spring wear—former prices up to \$8.50—your choice for..... \$1.29
\$1.95 ladies' shirt waists, this sale..... \$1.00
\$3.50 ladies' shirt waists, this sale..... \$2.50
\$5.00 ladies' shirt waists, this sale..... \$2.95
\$1.00 ladies' winter union suits..... 79c
\$1.50 ladies' winter union suits..... \$1.19
25c and 35c misses' patent leather belts..... 19c
50 ladies' purses, this sale..... 15c
4 pairs ladies' high heel shoes..... 50c
One hundred pairs ladies' military heel shoes that sold as high as \$12.50—on counter this sale, your choice..... \$2.95

Wool Dress Goods

\$1.00 wool dress goods, this sale..... 75c
\$1.25 wool dress goods, this sale..... 89c
\$1.50 wool dress goods, this sale..... \$1.19
\$2.00 wool dress goods, this sale..... \$1.65
\$2.25 and \$2.50 wool dress goods..... \$1.95
\$3.00 wool dress goods, this sale..... \$2.25

Piece Goods

36-inch light and dark percales..... 15c
Best grade outing flannel..... 15c
25c Everett and Blue Bell chevots..... 19c
30c blue denim..... 23c
10 yards Chickasaw plaids..... \$1.00
10 yards bleached domestic..... \$1.00
12 yards brown domestic..... \$1.00
40c 42-inch pillow tubing..... 25c
5,000 yards new spring ginghams at..... 25c
One case 25c cotton challies..... 19c

Brassiers

50c brassiers, this sale..... 35c
75c brassiers, this sale..... 50c
\$1.00 brassiers, this sale..... 65c
\$1.25 brassiers, this sale..... 85c
\$1.50 brassiers, this sale..... \$1.00
\$2.00 brassiers, this sale..... \$1.35
\$2.50 brassiers, this sale..... \$1.70
\$2.95 brassiers, this sale..... \$2.00

Blankets

—We have about twelve blankets left for your selection—
\$10.00 blankets, this sale..... \$5.00
\$ 5.00 blankets, this sale..... \$2.50
\$ 4.00 blankets, this sale..... \$2.00

Men's Union Suits

\$1.50 union suits, this sale..... \$1.19
\$2.00 union suits, this sale..... \$1.50
\$2.50 union suits, this sale..... \$1.75
\$3.00 union suits, this sale..... \$2.25
\$3.50 union suits, this sale..... \$2.50
\$5.00 union suits, this sale..... \$3.95
Extra value in grey cheviot work shirts—not the skimpy kind usually found..... 69c

Ladies' Dresses

\$10.00 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$ 5.00
\$16.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$ 8.25
\$19.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$ 9.50
\$25.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$12.25
\$29.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$14.75
\$32.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$16.25
\$34.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$17.25
\$39.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$19.75
\$45.00 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$22.50
\$49.50 ladies' dresses, this sale..... \$24.75

Ladies' Skirts

\$ 3.95 ladies' skirts, this sale..... \$2.00
\$ 5.95 ladies' skirts, this sale..... \$3.00
\$ 7.50 ladies' skirts, this sale..... \$3.75
\$ 9.85 ladies' skirts, this sale..... \$5.00
\$12.00 ladies' skirts, this sale..... \$6.00
\$13.00 ladies' skirts, this sale..... \$6.50

Bath Robes

\$ 3.00 bath robes, this sale..... \$1.50
\$ 4.00 bath robes, this sale..... \$2.00
\$ 5.00 bath robes, this sale..... \$2.50
\$ 6.00 bath robes, this sale..... \$3.00
\$ 7.50 bath robes, this sale..... \$3.75
\$ 8.50 bath robes, this sale..... \$4.25
\$10.00 bath robes, this sale..... \$5.00

Sweaters

\$ 1.25 sweaters, this sale..... 65c
\$ 1.50 sweaters, this sale..... 75c
\$ 2.00 sweaters, this sale..... \$1.00
\$ 2.50 sweaters, this sale..... \$1.25
\$ 3.00 sweaters, this sale..... \$1.50
\$ 3.50 sweaters, this sale..... \$1.75
\$ 4.00 sweaters, this sale..... \$2.00
\$ 4.50 sweaters, this sale..... \$2.25
\$ 5.00 sweaters, this sale..... \$2.50
\$ 6.00 sweaters, this sale..... \$3.00
\$ 7.00 sweaters, this sale..... \$3.50
\$ 7.50 sweaters, this sale..... \$3.75
\$ 8.50 sweaters, this sale..... \$4.25
\$10.00 sweaters, this sale..... \$5.00

Gossard Corsets

\$10.00 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$7.50
\$ 8.50 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$6.50
\$ 7.50 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$5.50
\$ 6.50 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$4.50
\$ 5.00 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$3.95
\$ 3.50 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$2.95
\$ 3.25 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$2.75
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\$ 2.50 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$1.95
\$ 2.00 Gossard corsets, this sale..... \$1.50
—All of Gossard discontinued numbers at half price.

One hundred pairs children's shoes, worth up to \$4.00, sizes 8 to 2—on counter..... \$1.65
\$1.00 EZ union suits for boys and girls—all sizes, sale price..... 79c

Ready to Wear Half Price



Coats and Dresses

\$ 3.95 coats and dresses, this sale..... \$2.00
\$ 5.95 coats and dresses, this sale..... \$3.00
\$ 6.50 coats and dresses, this sale..... \$3.25
\$10.00 coats and dresses, this sale..... \$5.00

Ladies' Suits

—Only twenty-five of the very best suits that we've handled this season—this is your opportunity to treat yourself with the best for the least money—

\$29.50 coat suits—only six left..... \$14.75
\$32.50 coat suit—only one left..... \$16.25
\$34.50 coat suits—only three left..... \$17.25
\$37.50 coat suit—only one left..... \$18.75
\$39.50 coat suits—only five left..... \$19.75
\$44.50 coat suit—only one left..... \$22.25
\$47.50 coat suit—only one left..... \$23.75
\$54.50 coat suits—only two left..... \$27.25
\$59.50 coat suit—only one left..... \$29.75
\$64.50 coat suits—only two left..... \$32.25
\$69.50 coat suit—only one left..... \$34.75

Ladies' Coats

\$10.00 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$ 5.00
\$11.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$ 5.75
\$12.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$ 6.25
\$15.00 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$ 7.50
\$19.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$ 9.75
\$24.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$12.25
\$29.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$14.75
\$34.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$17.25
\$39.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$19.75
\$45.00 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$22.50
\$49.50 ladies' coats, this sale..... \$24.75

Toboggans and little winter hats—half price.
Ladies' and men's rain coats, this sale going at one-fourth off.

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Friday Morning, January 19, 1923.

Louisiana is getting more than her share of notoriety.

In making up the income tax payers' list, no delinquent tax-payer should be given a place.

The alleys behind the business houses in Decatur continue in a very unclean and unsanitary condition.

If you have any pride in your home or your home town, clean up around your property.

Several hundred bills have been introduced in the Texas legislature, but up to and including this good hour not one has passed the sentinels.

Taxes are as high as a cat's back in the good and sweet old town. But we are gettin' our money's worth in expectations.

When the flag falls for the U. S. senatorial race, we honestly believe we'll see Cato Sells on the track. And, say, mates; mark our prediction, he will go some.

It has been suggested that the law-makers down in Austin get off that klan and anti-klan stuff and give the people of Texas some wholesome and beneficial legislation.

By a vote of eighteen to eight the state senate endorsed the action of the governor of Louisiana in his efforts to suppress lawlessness in that state.

It is rumored that Governor Neff has taken kindly to Coffee's oil tax measure and is preparing to make a campaign for it. Remember, ladies and gentlemen, the measure was at one time the property of Coffee.

One subscriber claims that country girls make the best store clerks in the town; another sub. says that town girls make the best, and so forth. The fact that three-fourths of the lady clerks are former country girls lessens the merit of the claims of the second subscriber. They evidently are making good.

Some fellow has introduced a bill in the Texas legislature which asks for a reduction in the number of representatives and that sessions of the body be held once every two years. It has been suggested that the law-makers give the bill at least the once over before sending it to the scrap heap.

To keep down any hard feelings, Decatur is ready to relinquish, for the time being, any claim it may have on the Carey well, allowing Bridgeport undisputed ownership. We have come to the conclusion, after a close study of conditions, etc., that the Carey is in the Bridgeport district. Our opinion, however, is subject to change.

They had a merry old time at the inaugural ceremonies of the Oklahoma governor. A large number of fatted calves were slaughtered, and the merry-makers feasted as they never feasted before. Reports say One-Eyed Riley from Bloody Gulch was there and good order was had thruout the festivities.

Someone handed our friend Coffee a resolution, asking "Pederewski, the Russian baritone singer, to address the Texas legislature," and the accommodating Coffee, Wise county's splendid representative, introduced the resolution. Now they are saying Coffee's musical training has been neglected.

The road into the Greenwood country is now in good shape, and the good citizens of that section are singing the praises of Commissioner Tom St. Clair. When asked about the road, Commissioner St. Clair stated: "It was easy; I received the cooperation of the people along the route."

Decatur folks have undertaken to start a move to establish a branch of the North Texas Normal at Decatur on the old Waggoner homestead east of town. The plan would transfer the two first-year classes to Decatur or have those two classes taught in both Decatur and Denton and have the two upper classes in addition in the existing institution. Normal College regents do not seem favorable to any such idea, and some of the presidents here declared that such a plan followed to its conclusion with all the state normals would be both unsatisfactory and dangerous.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

The Southwestern Telephone exchange of Decatur has just issued a new directory. The directory was not printed in Decatur, which breaks a precedent of many years, during which time the directories have been printed by local printers. The local shops do as good work and at as reasonable prices as can be gotten elsewhere, yet this corporation has turned its back on the local printers all

over the state. The Messenger pays the Southwestern Telephone Company on an average of forty dollars a year for service—which is sometimes not as good as we would like—but which can not be better as long as the local manager is handicapped for want of more help—and we believe the company has made an error in forsaking its long-established custom of patronizing home printers.

"I like the Messenger," writes a subscriber, "because it is fair and impartial in reporting news. It does not slop over in reporting some little every-day incident of some fellow or family who appear prominent in its eye, while ignoring lesser lights." Thanks, good sister; the Messenger is a country newspaper, a successful country newspaper. It has no pets; no slopping over on people it likes and passing up those it is not on squeezing terms with. The people want the news, and the Messenger gives it to them. Advertising patronage can't control the editorial policy of this paper; the industry of Mrs. Brown from 'Possum Trot, in raising bigger and better cabbage, is more important, Messenger thinks, than a description of the decorations at Mrs. Von Ness' pink tea. Sloppin' over and snobbing after a little circle of people has no standing with the Messenger. And the Messenger is the most popular and widely circulated newspaper in this section. So!

WANT FARMERS TO WORK WITH C. OF C.

In every farm community there are men who have a turn toward horticulture, vegetable and fruit production. Contiguous to Decatur we have a country splendidly adapted to these industries. To the west and north of us, in the Panhandle and in Western Oklahoma and in Colorado also we have access to ample markets. We should strive to bind these things into a profitable business. But there are certain essentials to be sharply looked after. There must be uniformity of everything—uniformity in kind and quality of seed, in date of planting, in variety—there must be organization and business effort. It will be an efficient business to be built up here since it has been so long neglected. For instance, we do not now have that precise information as to what the markets want and when they want it and in what kind of packages. We offer this opportunity, however, that we will willingly co-operate with farmers who wish to develop this business. If the farmers will grow the stuff in marketable style and in the right quantities we promise an energetic effort in finding a market. We promise that when the stuff is ready for shipment we will use the wires and make special personal visits to the markets for the purpose of finding the place our products occupy in the general markets of the country. The chamber of commerce would like to take this matter up with the farmers who are disposed to go into it.

We want co-operators in the use of fertilizers. Should you as a farmer desire to try some fertilizers under cotton, or with corn to hasten its maturity in advance of the usual drouth, or should you like to try some Irish potatoes or with other truck crops? Please let us know. We would like to use here this season at least a car load for experimental purposes. We are convinced that the right use of this material will pay, and that it has only to be tried to establish that fact. We look forward to a time when fertilizers will be generally used in this region and with much profit to its users. Car-load lots come much cheaper than it can be obtained in smaller quantities. If you want to get in on the basis of the carload prices, let us know and immediately, for the material must be bought much in advance of the planting season. We would like to urge on you the making of a trial of at least a small quantity of fertilizer the coming season. Hear A. K. Short at the court house in Decatur on Saturday, February 3rd, on what he has to say about fertilizers.

Drunken Speeders.

A suggestion is made by one of our contemporaries that drunken speeders should be thrown in jail. With that we heartily agree. Only why limit it to the tipsy speeder? The man not under the influence of alcohol—or the woman—who wilfully endangers life and limb by driving along the thoroughfare at a reckless rate is no less culpable than the drunken speeder.

It is only by a miracle that lives are not lost in Decatur every day. Men and women—most of them without any cause for hurry—drive helter skelter thru the street—a menace to both young and old.

Might it not be wise 'coo, to lock up both the speeder and his automobile? There is unquestionable need for drastic action.

Flappers and Jellybeans.

Does a so-called "jellybean" know his species or a so-called "flapper" recognize her sister flappers? They lord together and must have some secret sign indicative of friendship. They like company of their kind.

Another question: Does the flapper know she is a flapper or the jellybean that he is a jellybean? Probably not consciously, for they can be rather nice girls and boys if they want to be and when they are not filled with the snobbery that sometimes takes possession of the brain and makes imitation wit appear like a real Indian tom-tom, but which is only shoddy.

A little harmless fun that disturbs none and brings a smile to the face is delightful in proper time and place, but the flapper and the jellybean would not know its value if they met it. Their idea of fun is a loud laugh, a punch in the back and a race with the wind. They do not know such a thing as real fun in their homes. There they do not smile but frown; they speak only to scold or snarl. They scorn advice, resent admonition, and if they can find a rock wall will butt their heads against it just like a goat, and their heads are just about as hard.

Who are the parents of the flappers and jellybeans? For the most part perfectly respectable and often highly respected men and women who have been foolishly soft-hearted at the formative period of the youngsters' lives. The toss of the head, the stamp of the foot, the "I won't," have been permitted to pass unnoticed or noted as "smart." Of course the youngsters do not know they have started on the wrong road, and their parents won't tell them.

Soon they are in the broad highway, running wild, perhaps have thrown off the hitching strap that was fastened at its other end to the parental doorstep. They paint their faces, even the jellybeans; they spend the night in frolic and loll in bed most of the next day. And their parents still permit it, not knowing what to do.

The jellybean and the flapper may not be unknown to society, but they are the products of a dilettante period. They lived in ancient Greece and Rome, but never did they belong to the nation of Trojans or to the time of the early Caesars. They may outlive their jellybean and flapper stage and emerge as good citizens, but too many go to destruction before they get strength enough to walk alone or wit enough to guide them.

Pity the poor flappers and jellybeans, but let it not lead to leniency, the last thing to be given those to be cured.—Fort Worth Record.

The Texas Star.

The following notes are taken from John Kendall's "Texas Star," which twinkled in Decatur off and on during the years 1894-98:

My girl and me under a chestnut tree
Gathering chestnuts—she and me,
I drew her close to sip lip nectar—
And the tree fell down
And broke her "chest protector!"

—Old maids were born in the wrong time of the moon—there was no man in it!

—When the stolen money was found upon the prisoner he said he felt financially embarrassed.

—What some people know would fill a book—and what they don't know would fill a big library.

—A lawyer asked the jury to give his client time to reform, and they did—they gave him fifteen years.

—'Bout this time of year the old rooster is getting powerful polite to the pullet that he used to crowd off the roost last winter.

—Some men spend half their time in making promises, and the other half in making excuses for not filling their promises.

—According to Darwin, it takes a monkey thousands of years to make a man of himself—but a man can make a monkey of himself in two minutes.

We still have a cold norther once and occasionally. The one we had the other morning froze the atmosphere so hard that we could crack walnuts on the side of it.

—A little boy whose new baby sister set up a cy on getting a bath exclaimed: "Well, I don't wonder why they sent you down here if you made such a noise as that in heaven."

—Someone has sent an infernal machine to President McKinley, trying to blow him to pieces. It's a God's pity but what Mark Hanna could have received it, and let it explode in his hands!

—A book agent was trying to sell a certain Decatur man an encyclopedia—and the man replied: "No, sir—I won't have a single one of 'em on my place—and I'd thrash my daughter if I caught them trying to ride one of 'em!"

—The most awkward man in the world lives in Tennessee. He recently shot a dog, and in explaining the accident to its owner he shot the owner of the dog. Awhile later, in showing how the tragedy occurred, he accidentally shot the coroner. He has been given his liberty now, for fear he might try to explain it to someone else.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

The W. C. T. U. meets at three o'clock every third Friday at the Methodist church. We will meet on Friday, January 19th, and insist that all members who possibly can come to do so. Many have not attended lately. We have an important question before us: We have in our republic today a large body of "don't care" citizens. For too many of the "don't cares" are our women. We want to get you interested in the work of the W. C. T. U. and get you to co-operate with us as aroused to high enthusiasm in performing our civic duties. Come and meet with us next Friday.—Press Reporter.

Money in Cream

—About three years ago I opened a cream buying station in Decatur for Metzger Brothers of Dallas, and since that time I have built up one of the largest cream stations in Texas—at all times giving the farmers a correct test which accounts for the large business. I have paid out over sixty thousand dollars to Wise county people for cream during the three years!

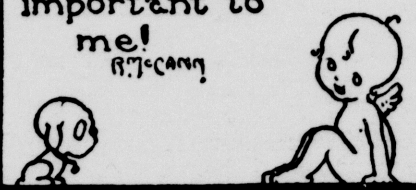
—Beware of the man who overtests your cream to get your business, for they can't last long. I will always give you a square deal, paying you the highest market price the year 'round for your cream.

H. L. Jones

—FANCY GROCERIES AND PRODUCE—

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

How small is the place
that I fill in the world!
How few are the sights
that I see!
How nice it's arranged
that in spite of my
bounds
My life seems
important to
me!
R.T. CANN



JOHNNIE SKYGAK'S LETTER TO EDITORS

The following letter was received by the editors, from Johnnie Skygak, son of our staff member:
Dear Mister Editor:—

did you heer about how pap kum purty neer gittin his self lynched las week? Well this is the way hit happend: A movin picter outfit kum out to our naberhood to mak sum picters of a ynching seen. They was goin to lynch a nigger and wanted pap to be the niger. Pap was tickled to deeth with the ideer as he has allus wanted to be a picter ackter and was glad to be a nigger or anything to git the job. The picter man had a lether collar to put on pap's neck so's the rope wouldnt choke him. they got the camra redy and tole the men to pull pap up. When they pulled on the rope pap kum up a slingin his arms and kickin to beat overthing. Everbody whooped and cheerd pap on his aektin. Whin he kwit kickin the camra man sed it was the natcherlest aektin he ever seen. after the picter was made they let pap down and found he was nerly ded; he was black in the face and his eyes stuck out like dore nobb. they found that the rope had slipt off the collar and choked pap and he wasnt doin all that kickin for fun but axually mint ever werd of it. It tickled me to see pap kick—I need the rope had slipt off the collar but wouldn't say nothin as i wanted to see how pap would ack. Pap is all rite now but his neck is a foot longer it used to be. he has to ware three hi collars on it and then has a 6 inch space above up to the bare line. Pap says he wudn't be a nigger for noobdy no more. yurs truly,
JOHNNIE SKYGAK.

Why be bald-headed? Let Roe Shoemaker treat your scalp.

Special Notice!

—Be sure to see our our full line of fresh new stock of tires and tubes. We will meet any prices on standard makes of tires. We do not carry any off-brands to offer you at padded prices!

Good Gulf Gasoline

—and Real Service with it—
Two Convenient Pumps.

Automobile Parts and Accessories

GENERAL AUTO REPAIRING

MERIDIAN GARAGE

Douglas & Burton, Props.

Both 'Phones

E. Main Street

Mrs. Christine Grubbs will continue her music class at the residence of W. P. Thurmond. Patronage respectfully solicited.

Bring those magazines you read to the Messenger office, and we will hand them out to people who not have anything to read.

Weak Back

Mrs. Mildred Pipkin, of R. F. D. 8, Columbia, Tenn., says: "My experience with Cardui has covered a number of years. Nineteen years ago... I got down with weak back. I was run-down and so weak and nervous I had to stay in bed. I read of

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

and sent for it. I took only one bottle at that time, and it helped me; seemed to strengthen and build me right up. So that is how I first knew of Cardui. After that, ... when I began to get weak and 'no account', I sent right for Cardui, and it never failed to help me."

If you are weak and suffering from womanly ailments, Cardui may be just what you need. Take Cardui. It has helped thousands, and ought to help you.

At all druggists' and dealers'.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

We are to have three speakers from Dallas on the program of our men's banquet, to be held at the church on Tuesday night, January 30th. These men are Joseph H. Burt, president of the laymen's union of the state; Mr. De Witt McMurray, of the editorial staff of the Dallas News; and Mr. R. H. Coleman, superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church of Dallas. In addition to these, two local laymen will speak, and the speaking will be interspersed with special music. This banquet promises to be a great event in the life of our church. Full announcements will be made about it at the services next Sunday. All the men are urged to be present.

The pastor is preaching a series of Sunday night services on "The Last Things." The sermon next Sunday night will be on the judgment. We begin the use of our new song books next Sunday morning, and the sermon Sunday morning will be on "Church Music."—R. E. BELL, Pastor.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Tarrant county, on the 13th day of December, 1922, Mrs. G. Frank Coffey, clerk of said court, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight and 9-100 dollars and the further sum of \$30.05 and costs of a suit, under a judgment, in favor of the Investors' Mortgage Company in a certain cause in said court, No. 61437 and styled Investors' Mortgage Company vs. Zelma B. Nobles and Mattie V. Nobles, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 1st day of January, 1923, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract of land situated in the county of Wise, state of Texas, and being a part of the John Coughlin survey of one-third of a league of land patented to John Coughlin by patent dated December 24th, 1855, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of a tract of land out of said survey, owned by John Henry, said beginning point being 1514 varas north and 1038 varas east of the southwest corner of the said John Coughlin survey; thence east 896 varas; thence south 522 1/2 varas; thence west 896 varas; thence north 522 1/2 varas to the place of beginning, containing 82 9-10 acres of land, and being the same land conveyed by R. W. Nobles et al to Mattie V. Nobles and Zelma B. Nobles by deed recorded in volume 88, page 506 and in volume 95 page 212 of deed records of Wise county, Texas, and being also the same land described in a certain deed of trust executed by Mattie V. Nobles and Zelma B. Nobles to R. B. Bishop, as trustee for Investors' Mortgage Company, dated June 16th, 1919, and recorded in book 39 page 213 of the deed of trust records of Wise county, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Mattie V. Nobles and Zelma B. Nobles, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door, of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mattie V. Nobles and Zelma B. Nobles.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 1st day of January, 1923.—W. M. WORKMAN, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By O. CARTWRIGHT, Deputy. (Jan 5-19)

W. L. Rush, Zack Lillard, Penn O. Dickson and M. B. Smith went to Fort Worth Sunday to visit Tom Rush. Tom is doing nicely and seems to be improving rapidly.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET AT DECATUR

Following is the program of the meeting of the Wise County Teachers Association, to be held in the district court room of the court house in Decatur on Saturday, January 20th, beginning at ten a. m. and two p. m.:

Song—"America."
Invocation—Rev. J. W. Slagle.
Welcome Address—President J. L. Ward of Decatur Baptist College.

Response—C. C. Bock.
The necessity for and Benefits to be Derived from a County Teachers' Association—B. C. Schulkey.
Our Constitution and By-Laws—C. C. Bock.

Discussion and adoption of constitution and by-laws.

Noon.
Special music to be arranged.
Administrative Remarks—Mrs. Effie Price, county superintendent.

Present Tendencies Along the Line of Professional Standards—H. H. Sampson.

A Suggested Code of Teachers Ethics—L. B. Gill.

Address—Hon. R. T. Ellis, secretary Texas State Teachers Association.

Business session.
Adjournment.

The teachers of Wise county are earnestly invited to be present at this the first meeting of the Wise County Teachers' Association. This is our association—let's make it worth while. S. D. HANDLY.

MAJESTIC THEATRE PROGRAM

WEEK OF JAN. 24TH-27TH

Wednesday and Thursday, January 24th and 25th—"The Girl from God's Country," a super-special, starring Nell Shipman.
"Alladin Jr.," the comedy.

Friday, January 26th—"A Girl's Desire," starring Alice Calhoun.

Saturday, January 27th—"Miracles of the Jungle," episode fourteen.
"Fram Soap to Nuts," the comedy.
"The Scorpion Sting," western.

CHICO NEWS

(Review).

Misses Ruth and Ruby Triplett left Sunday for Austin, where they will attend State University.

The Chico high school defeated the Bridgeport high school twice at the latter town Saturday afternoon and night. Score first game, 32 to 16; second game, 12 to 10.

D. B. Alexander and M. O. Gardner returned Wednesday from an auto trip to Oklahoma, by way of Fort Worth, Dallas and Sherman. They found Mr. Gardner's stolen car at Madill, but will have to try the rights of property in the courts.

R. L. Morris attended the inauguration ceremonies and big barbecue of Governor Jack Walton of Oklahoma this week. Mr. Morris says that the attendance was large, rousing and spectacular in many respects. The progress of civilization for the past hundred years was demonstrated in all its phases, from the ox cart to the flying ship, and from the Old Virginia reel to the "danseant."

SLIDELL NEWS

Mr. Grady Hall is visiting relatives here.

Charlie McAteer of Valley View, is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Doyle.

Quite a few went to Plainview last Saturday night to a pie supper. All reported a good time.

De Witt Gangston has been very sick with pneumonia, but is improving during the last few days.

A fire occurred over on the Sullivan ranch Monday morning. Two buildings burned down. The loss has not been estimated.

Quite a few I. O. O. F. members went to Sanger last Tuesday night, where they conferred the initiatory degree on Silas Parmell of Slidell lodge No. 494.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Lillian Rochester, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1923, the same being the 28th day of May, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5234, wherein J. A. Rochester is plaintiff, and Lillian Rochester is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh, cruel and inhuman treatment, extending over such a length of time, and so continuous as to render their longer living together as man and wife insupportable.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, Clerk, District court, Wise County. (Jan 5-26)

WORKERS MEETING SPLENDID SUCCESS

The monthly meeting of the Baptist pastors and workers of Wise county, meeting with the Greenwood church January 12th to 15th, was largely and enthusiastically attended by the Greenwood people. The entertainment was the best, and the meeting was pronounced a great success by all present.

Among the out-of-the-county visitors in attendance were Dr. W. T. Connor of Seminary Hill, H. E. Koon and others of Gainesville, and J. F. Phillips, the pastor.

The presence of the Lord was evident from the beginning. The preaching and speaking was up to the high standard, and the fellowship and unity was of the most helpful.

In the executive board meeting it was decided that thru the missionary, with Brethren J. L. Ward and C. B. Gunn co-operating as a committee, the Baptist church house at Cottondale would be overhauled and placed in a condition for worship, and a permanent mission established there.

The missionary is to preach there next Saturday evening at seven, and on Sunday at eleven a. m. It is thought by some that an expenditure of about \$150.00 will be necessary on this building. About \$50.00 of this was pledged by those present at the board meeting. Others, no doubt, will be glad to help, and by the co-operation of those in the community who are interested we hope to be able to carry the worthy cause forward in the best way.

The place of the next meeting will be announced in due time.—G. W. TYSON, County Missionary.

Sheriff W. M. Workman and County Attorney P. L. Gettys ask the Messenger to notify all auto owners that they must have new numbers on their machines by February 1st. The law requiring auto owners to secure new numbers will be enforced to the letter.

PARK SPRINGS

Monday evening, January 16th one of the primary school pupils, Carmel Chadwick, was run over by a car, but was not seriously injured.

Friday, January 12th, the Park Springs boys' basketball team was defeated by the team from Chico by a 30 to 6 score.

The Park Springs boys' basketball team has a game matched with Cundiff for Friday afternoon, January 19th, to be played at Park Springs.

Miss Opal McKay is back in school this week, after an absence of three weeks. We are glad to have her back again.

PECAN NEWS

Mrs. Bruton of Haskell county, who has been visiting here, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Milligan surprised her pupils Monday morning by driving up to school in a new Dodge car.

Last Thursday Miss Jewell Taylor held a sewing club demonstration, consisting of making the club girls sewing bags.

The president and secretary of the club attended the canning demonstration at Sycamore and report it well attended and unusually instructive.

The party at Mr. Albert Tackel's home Friday night was attended by a large crowd. Delicious refreshments were served and everyone reports a happy time.

Notice!

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the county judge's office, Wise county, Texas, on Monday, February 12th, 1923, at ten o'clock a. m., for the depository of all funds of Wise county for a term of two years. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than fifteen hundred dollars, as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.

S. M. WARD, County Judge.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Paradise State Bank

at Paradise, Texas.

At close of business Dec. 29th, 1922.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 52,673 59
Overdraft.....	777 32
Real estate (b'k'g house).....	2,500 00
Other real estate.....	12,070 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	850 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	25,461 16
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,297 95
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	3,288 91
Other resources.....	1,275 40
Total.....	\$100,194 33

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	300 00
Undivided profits, net.....	2,784 71
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	67,547 62
Time certificates of deposit.....	3,385 00
Cashier's checks.....	527 00
Bills payable on other real estate.....	650 00
Total.....	\$100,194 33

State of Texas, county of Wise. We, J. A. Simmons, as president, and W. A. Green, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—J. A. SIMMONS, President. W. A. GREEN, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: O. L. HARTSELL, WALTER JOHNSON, S. S. SPARKS, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, A. D. 1923.—E. P. GIBSON, Notary Public, Wise county, Texas.

Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Interesting Facts

105,799 Ford Cars and Trucks Retailed in December

APPROXIMATELY THE SAME NUMBER THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY THIS MONTH.

What Does This Mean?

This volume of deliveries to actual owners is entirely unprecedented for this time of the year—

It has taxed the manufacturing ability of the Ford plants working at full capacity—

It indicates a volume of business during the rapidly approaching months of "heavy demand" which will be far beyond the maximum production schedule that the Ford Motor Company has set—

And that means a Ford shortage even more acute than the one which existed last spring and summer.

Dealers' stocks all over the country are low—there are no reserves to draw upon to meet the demands for delivery.

There is no way in which dealer reserves can be built up, as deliveries have been made to customers as fast as cars could be manufactured since last April.

The only way you can protect your desire to obtain the prompt delivery of a Ford even at this time is to place your order immediately.

This emphasizes more strongly than anything we could possibly say the necessity of your making your prompt arrangements with a Ford dealer for the listing of your order, particularly if you are contemplating the purchase of a Ford car or truck for use this spring or summer.

We believe you are entitled to know these facts as they actually exist.

Ford Motor Co.

Detroit, Michigan.

See DECATUR MOTOR CO., Ford Dealer

A Small Deposit and Easy Payments if Desired

JANUARY CLEARANCE

—FINAL CLEAN-UP SALE ON WINTER GOODS—

AT LILLARD'S MISSISSIPPI STORE

Begins Saturday, Jan. 20, Lasting 10 Days

The sole reason why we are placing this sale before the public can be answered very frankly. We have worlds of odds and ends left over from our immense fall and winter stocks, and we are going to let the people have one more opportunity to get them at far below our regular price and their real value. Remember, folks, that cotton is selling today as high as 28c and you know that means high cotton goods. So we cheerfully invite you to make our store a visit and let us convince you that we can and will save you from 33 1-3 to 50 per cent on lots of good merchandise. Of course our departments are not full and complete as usual, and we insist that you come to see us as early as possible, as this sale will close promptly on January 31st! Come and get your share of bargains before the sizes and stocks are broken.

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS AT BIG SAVING PRICES

Our men's and boys' clothing departments are fairly well full, considering the immense business we have had this season. All \$40.00 to \$47.50 suits. . . . \$29.65 to \$32.43
All \$30.00 to \$35.00 suits. . . . \$22.43 to \$25.00
All \$20.00 to \$25.00 suits. . . . \$14.43

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

A few good corduroy suits going in this sale at the special price of only. . . . \$14.43
Good wool sox, per pair. . . . 33c
Good grade black and tan sox, pair. . . . 13c
Leather palm gloves, per pair. . . . 25c
Leather belts, each only. . . . 23c
60c and 75c suspenders, per pair. . . . 43c
Blue work shirts, sale price. . . . 63c
Better grade shirts, sale price. . . . 75c
Men's extra good weight socks in black, tan and gray—per pair only. . . . 13c
We will put twelve or fifteen heavy sheep-lined top coats in this sale—worth \$12.50 to \$16.50, during this sale for only. . . . \$8.43
See our full-leather and sheep-line vests—the prices reduced to please you.
You all know that a good 240 denim overall is scarce and high. We have 225 dozen of these to offer you—come in and get your share, for they will all go fast—during this sale for only. . . . \$1.25
All sweaters and wool jackets going in this sale at one-third less than regular prices.
A big lot of men's heavy top shirts—worth \$2.00—going to clean up at. . . . \$1.39
All-wool army regulation shirts going at the wholesale price.
One big lot of men's dress shirts, with and without collars—sizes 14 to 18—as long as they last for only. . . . \$1.23
Men's heavy fleeced underwear—a regular \$1.00 garment—sale price only. . . . 69c
One hundred men's hats, worth up to \$5.00, go in this sale at only. . . . \$2.98
Our John B. Stetson hat department is bound to please you—both in quality and prices.



BARGAINS IN SHOES

Our general stock of shoes has been reduced—prices too numerous to quote—so just come in and let us show you our new styles and new prices.
One lot of men's and boys' good \$4.50 work shoes going at only. . . . \$2.95
One lot ladies' shoes on counter—worth up to \$5.00 during this sale for. . . . \$1.93
Full yard-wide beached domestic—all you want at, per yard. . . . 13c



LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR AT GREAT REDUCTIONS

We have only six ladies' tailored suits in stock and have reduced the priced on them from one-third to one-half—prices range during this sale from \$8.98 to. . . . \$38.43
Two ladies' coats, formerly priced at \$8.50, special sale price only. . . . \$3.93
Three ladies' coats, formerly priced at \$12.50, special sale price only. . . . \$4.93
Four ladies' coats, formerly priced at \$16.50, special sale price only. . . . \$9.93
Eight ladies' coats, formerly priced at \$22.50, special sale price only. . . . \$14.93
Ten ladies' coats, formerly priced at \$35.00, special sale price only. . . . \$21.43
Six ladies' coats, formerly priced at \$40.00, special sale price only. . . . \$24.43

STAPLE GOODS SPECIALS

Two thousand yards 36-inch heavy selvage house canvas, per yard only. . . . 6³/₄c
54-inch all-wool cloaking, assorted colors, our sale price, per yard. . . . \$2.48
54-inch all-wool middy flannels, assorted colors, sale price, per yard. . . . \$2.48
54-inch all-wool plaid skirting, assorted patterns, sale price, per yard. . . . \$2.98
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42-inch all-wool shepherd checks, assorted checks, sale price, per yard. . . . \$2.23
46-inch all-wool tricotine, all popular shades, sale price, per yard. . . . \$2.48
36-inch all-wool dress serge, popular shades, sale price, per yard. . . . 98c
27-inch heavy kimona flannelettes, on sale at only, per yard. . . . 23c
Remember each and every article in our big store will be "chopped" in this big clean-up sale—come and get your share before it is to late!

MILLINERY SPECIALS

During this sale we will place all our \$6.50, \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.50 tailored hats on sale—your choice for only. . . . \$1.93
All of our regular \$12.50, \$11.00, \$10.00 and \$8.50 hats go in this sale—choice of the different lots, only. . . . \$3.93

NEW LA CAMILLE CORSETS

We have just received the newest numbers in La Camille corsets, consisting of every design from the school girls' athletic girdle to the heavy form corset designed especially for stout ladies—from \$1.93 to. . . . \$5.43

TRUNKS AND HAND BAGS

We have some exceedingly low prices to offer you in our trunk, suit case and hand bag department. See them for value and price.

MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS

We have quite an assortment of curtain nets on which we have cut the price. Now is the time to buy.

Large cut-corner counterpane, size 74x84, on sale at only. . . . \$2.19
20x40-inch bleached bath towels, good heavy grade, this sale, each only. . . . 24c
Big white handkerchiefs, each. . . . 8c
See our glove department—it is full and complete—prices to please you.

BOYS' WEARABLES

We have sixty-five all-wool suits for boys with two pairs of pants. These suits were purchased to be delivered October 15th, but were delayed in delivery, which forces us to unload them without a profit. See our exceptionally low prices on this lot before you buy. We will save you big money!
One lot of boys' heavy fleeced undershirts, sizes 8 to 16 years—our regular 50c garment—your choice, each. . . . 29c
Twenty-five "Big Boy" suits, sizes 15 to 18, going at a real job price. . . . \$4.95



LADIES' SLIPPER SPECIALS

Two hundred pairs ladies' and misses' pumps and oxfords, formerly sold up to \$5.00 per pair, your choice during this sale. . . . \$1.49
Good heavy baby blankets, assorted colors, sale price only. . . . 69c
One lot of 50x72-inch blankets, pair. . . . \$1.98
One lot single blankets, each only. . . . 69c

Percales in light and dark patterns, 27 inches wide, sale price, per yard. . . . 10c

LILLARD'S

N. E. Corner Square

MISSISSIPPI

Sale Begins Saturday, January 20th, 1923!

STORE

Decatur, Texas